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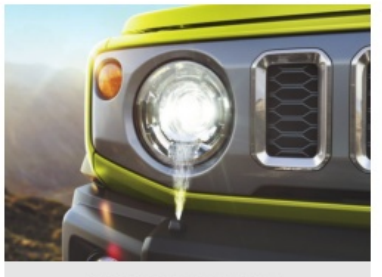

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Saving Lalbagh

A garden free of trash

Fix My Street

App full of complaints

Glass window panes of tall buildings, plastic waste, electric wires, captivity, dehydration bruising feathered friends, data shows

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME

4,000 birds have been rescued over last six months in city

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It is not just manja kite strings that are injuring the birds in Bengaluru. The last six months' data on bird rescues in the city shows glass window panes of tall buildings, plastic waste, electric wires, captivity and dehydration are other reasons responsible for bruising the feathered creatures.

According to various animal rescue centres in the city, nearly 4,000 birds have been rescued over the last six months in Bengaluru. While manja-related rescues still top the chart followed by unknown etiology and injuries due to displacement, rescue cases of head injuries due to collision (mostly with glass windows) are reported to be high as well.

At least 130 birds have fell to the ground after colliding with glass windows of high-rise buildings in the city over the last six months. Experts said there are tell-tale signs of a bird smashing up against a windowpane.

"Collision cases are mostly against glass panes. In some cases, while the reporters inform us about the collision, there are some tell-tale signs of such accidents. For instance, blood in the mouth and a broken beak. Such cases are not uncommon in Bengaluru," said Subiksha Venkatesh, rescue manager, Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre (ARRC).

According to the rescue centres, breaking the continuity of glass windows and keeping the curtains drawn at nighttime are some measures that can be taken to prevent these injuries.

"Glass panes, more often than not reflect the vegetation around; birds do not perceive it as a barrier and hit the glass surface. If we get repeated collision cases from the same place, we suggest

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 The Mahatma

We have heard stories of the man, and his many experiences. Along with him, we know of the many other fighters and stars of the freedom struggle. But somewhere if we pause and look deeper, it's the people they encountered that contributed to their greatness. Over an hour of storytelling performance, we will look at their journeys and will know about the lives of the lesser-known people whom Mahatma Gandhi encountered in his life that shaped him from Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to Mahatma Gandhi. **Where: Atta Galatta**
When: January 29, 7 pm; Info: 9945799224

02 Looking back

Bengaluru's gallery g showcases 'Revelation & Reverences: Glimpses of Indian Art 1850 - 1950'. This three-month-long exhibition will have on display a collection of rare oil paintings, water colours, chromolithographs, litho stones, terracotta dolls and other rare artefacts. The exhibition charts the evolution of India's art history from the mid-19th century to Independent India.
Where: gallery g, Lavelle Road; When: ongoing

03 Move it, in style

Shimmy to some Salsa and Bachata moves by the Motley Dance Company, only at Lahe, Lahe. Join in with family and friends for a more fun experience. **Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar**
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SAVING LALBAGH

Activists and changemakers join the fight to make Lalbagh Botanical Garden litter-and trash-free

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With the flower shows at Lalbagh gathering huge crowds, the amount of trash generated is also huge

If you paid a visit to the Lalbagh Botanical Garden and were left spellbound by its beauty, you can thank Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel, a German visionary, who helped create the botanical garden into what it is today.

More than a century later today, the botanist's great-granddaughter Alyia Krumbiegel is doing her best to ensure the garden remains trash-free.

Alyia said, "Considering that Lalbagh Botanical Gardens was given the status of a Government Botanical Garden in 1856, Lalbagh is one of Bengaluru's major attractions. I like to call Lalbagh the jewel in Bengaluru's Crown. Not all the problems can be laid at the door of the Horticulture Department as we users can completely stop the littering. There must be a complete ban on any single-use plastic entering or being sold within Lalbagh, so that would be a two-way decision."

She said that there was need for more warning signs of snakes and bees to be posted at Lalbagh. "However, it is an individual choice if they choose to venture into that area. I would request no notices should be nailed on trees. Let's leave the flying to the birds and no kites or drones should be allowed. All broken items to be repaired as soon as possible. This is where you need wardens to report any outstanding damage and to tape the area off. There must be a code of conduct for every user to enjoy Lalbagh's space. This is where we need to address the different needs of the visitors."

Alyia said she agreed with the Horticultural Department that not all walking roads can be covered in tar. But an open dialogue was needed to see what we can do with an expected schedule of work. "We all need to act as responsible visitors. I would like to see a representative committee formed of all the different users to try and meet all their needs.

Our ancestors left us a beautiful botanical garden with a huge legacy of trees, fountains, a bandstand and Heritage Buildings. Let's all enjoy the peace and tranquility of Lalbagh Botanical Gardens and may it last long," she added.

Alyia is not the only one trying to save the garden. Many residents have joined hands to campaign for a litter-free zone at Lalbagh. Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, told Bangalore Mirror that the Beautiful Bengaluru group has been working with Horticulture Department to help reduce littering, plastic waste and spitting.

Shaila Iyengar, a senior manager in a private bank said, "We recently took up a campaign inside Lalbagh asking people not to litter. In fact, we wanted to make the whole area a plastic-free zone.

During our campaign, we found a few of the vendors were illegally using plastic sheets. So, we had to educate them against the usage. Now, we need to focus on how to encourage visitors to bring their own bottles instead of using plastic water bottles."

Lalbagh has bouncers now

Don't be surprised to see bouncers managing crowds at Lalbagh. For the first time, the Horticulture Department has hired bouncers near the glass house to manage surging crowds.

Two peddlers arrested, ganja worth ₹44 lakh seized

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CRIME FILES

Two people were arrested by Bengaluru police on Saturday for selling marijuana in Basavanagudi. According to the police, 116 kg of marijuana, valued at Rs 44 lakhs, were seized from the accused. Deputy commissioner of police, South, P KrishnaKant, said, "Around 116 kg of marijuana worth Rs 44 lakh was seized from the accused.

Basavanagudi police did a good job of arresting the drug dealers who were supplying marijuana in the city. The suspects have been taken into judicial custody. To stop the use and sale of drugs in the state, Karnataka police have started conducting searches across the state."

Man robbed

An elderly man was robbed of Rs 2.5 lakh by an ATM security guard in Peenya.

According to the police, the old man used to live near the ATM. "Being illiterate, the victim found it difficult to withdraw money from an ATM. So, he used to ask the security guard of the ATM near his house to withdraw money. Thus, every time he went to withdraw money from the ATM, the security guard would withdraw money and give it to the victim. The victim didn't realise that Rs 2.5 lakh was withdrawn from his account," said the police.

The victim came to know that the money was withdrawn from his account when he was admitted to the hospital due to illness. He immediately complained to Yeswanthpur Cyber Station.

Fake cops arrested for extorting Rs 80 L

Four people who would extort money from people by pretending to be policemen have been arrested by the city police.

According to the police, the accused are notorious inter-state smugglers. "Four people who came in a car extorted money near Shantinagar Bus Stand. The accused pretended to be policemen from Andhra Pradesh by using a fake number plate," said the police. The accused have been identified as Bhatal Shivaram, Sheikh Chempati and Zakir. A case has been registered at Wilson Garden Police Station.

The accused extorted Rs 80 lakh from the victim, said the police.

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One down, one more to go

While HAL underpass finally opens to public, service road will take more time

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Inauguration of the new underpass will take place once the Chief Minister is available for the same; Work on the underpass that was opened on January 26 had originally begun in May 2019, but was delayed

The much-delayed underpass at HAL and Suranjan Das Road Junction has been opened to the public on a trial basis. However, the official inauguration of the underpass depends on the availability of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

"The underpass was opened two days ago for commuters. The same has been done on a trial basis. We are completing the pending work within one or two days," said an engineer assigned by the contractor.

Meanwhile, the service road on the left side of the underpass is yet to be opened for the public as some work is still pending. On Friday, a few people were spotted working on the service road.

"The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) took its own time to shift a water pipe valve from the middle of the service road. We have directed the contractor to complete the pending work without any delay," said a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) assistant executive engineer.

The completion of the service road would help motorists proceed towards Suranjan Das Road from HAL Airport Road without any hassle. As of now, motorists are using the temporary service road constructed on the HAL land a few years ago.

"We will close the temporary service road after opening up the newly constructed one. I hope to open the same to the public by Monday or Tuesday. We will commence the construction of the compound wall along the HAL land," said the BBMP engineer.

> **"We will close the temporary service road after opening up the newly constructed one. I hope to open the same to the public by Monday or Tuesday**
> – BBMP engineer

Although construction of the underpass has been completed, it will take some more time for the Palike to take up construction of a similar underpass at the Wind Tunnel Road Junction on HAL Airport Road near NAL and ISRO.

"The construction of the underpass at the Wind Tunnel Road Junction may be delayed due to heavy traffic on the road. Traffic police have assured us that they will find alternative roads for diverting the vehicles. We are waiting for them to do so," said BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects) Vinayak Sugur.

Work on the underpass at HAL and Suranjan Das Road Junction began in May 2019. The underpass was supposed to be opened to the public last December, but got delayed. It was finally opened on January 26 on a trial basis.

Building chaos in Byraveshwara Layout

Building in Byraveshwara Layout is taking up maximum space on 40 metre road, little space left for residents to commute

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Residents staying in Byraveshwara Layout in Hennur say that a building at the entrance of the layout is encroaching the road. They say that the width of the road is just 40 metres, and the building is taking up almost all the space in the area.

They reported that the building has been present there for the last 15 years and has been making it difficult for people to use the stretch.

Harsh Agarwal, a resident of the area, said, "The road is quite important as it leads to Hasanath College and has a large apartment which is home to more than 200 people. However, this building has taken up more than 10 feet of space and shops and establishments on the road are further narrowing it down. It is extremely inconvenient."

Residents reported that the structure was razed to make way for an even bigger one

Residents have also mentioned that over the years, the width of the building has been increased by the construction of an outer wall which has further encroached the space.

Another resident told Bangalore Mirror, "It is becoming very difficult to come to and exit the lane because the space is extremely minimal. If someone is trying to move their car, it is even more difficult. It can even turn into a safety hazard and people can hurt themselves while trying to cross the narrow lane." The locals said that with shops and establishments present on the road, people are finding it even more difficult to move around.

Shivam Arora, another resident, said, "Despite the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) getting court directives about shops not being allowed in roads that are narrower than 40 feet, they are still letting them be there. The building encroaching the road is also adding to the chaos. Barely any space on the road is left for people to walk on or take their vehicles out."

Recently, the building was reportedly razed with the agenda of making it bigger and better. Locals want official intervention before the building is built. Praveen S, also a resident, said, "It is a cause for worry as the building might take up more space on the road after reconstruction work. It is important for the authorities to take action before that happens as the problem will become permanent."

A BBMP official said they would inform the concerned official who will look into the matter.

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Rocky road

Medarpet

This road in Medarpet is in a horrible condition and needs work done.

Health hazard

Lingarajapuram

Old Bagalur Layout in Lingarajapuram (below Hennur flyover) is very dirty and people are falling sick.

Blocked drains

Electronic City

The drains are blocked for five months in Electronic City-Kengeri main road between Gottigere and Jambusavari Dinne.

BMRCL to raise safety level of metro pillars

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The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) Is planning to implement all the recommendations listed in a report on metro pillars filed by an IISc team. A new method of constructing metro pillars is expected to be issued in a few days.

After the collapse of the reinforcement cage that claimed the lives of two people, BMRCL tasked IISc with investigating the cause of the accident. A week ago, the team filed the 27-page report and emailed it to the body. After reading the suggestions and recommendations, they have decided to implement them all.

BMRCL MD Anjum Parwez told Bangalore Mirror, "We are planning to implement all the recommendations made by the IISc team. However, they need further detailing and our team is working on it. The team is preparing diagrams and a new SOP for constructing metro pillars."

In the report, the IISc team led by Dr Chandra JM of the Civil Engineering department noted that the collapse of the 18-m-tall reinforcement cage took place due to the weakening of the structure at the lapping points between the 12 m steel bars and 8m steel bar piece.

The weight of the structure and inadequate supportive measures provided by four guy wires were found to be another reason. Owing to weight, when the structure bends, it slacks two of the guy wires and raises tension in the other two, leading to a breakage.

As a measure, it was suggested that the BMRCL construct pillars in a two-stage process. The report also made further recommendations regarding the routine training of employees, classifying such areas as special structures, deployment of trained staff at special structures, and so on.

The report was filed on January 22 and BMRCL was expected to hold a meeting with the IISc team on January 24 to discuss it in detail. Recent accidents at construction sites and sinkhole formations near former BMRCL construction sites had called to question the safety of metro construction.

The under-construction metro pillar that killed a mother-son duo

'Fix my street', say 40k city folks

BBMP app gets countless requests to fill up potholes days after going live

Once a complaint is raised on the fix my street app, it takes between three and 15 days to resolve the issue, said the BBMP chief

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had been delaying the introduction of the 'fix my street' app. However, with the app going public, Bengalureans have been making good use of it. In around a week, more than 40,000 complaints have been registered. An official from the Palike said that they are attending to them.

BBMP's engineer-in-chief BS Prahlad said, "It is difficult to remove all the potholes. However, we believe in swiftly fixing them. The reaction time should not be more than 72 hours. We want to close the complaint by resolving the issue within three days. We are already in the process of resolving many complaints. We have set up a team of five contractors in all eight zones to take up pothole filling on a priority basis. In Bengaluru, we are seeing that a majority of the roads are dug up for laying down OFC cables. We are in the process of fixing those as well."

> **"It is difficult to fix all the potholes. However, we believe in swiftly fixing them. The reaction time should not be more than 72 hours. We want to resolve it in 3 days** – BS Prahlad, BBMP

Another official said that once a complaint is raised on the app, they are reviewed by BBMP engineers. Officials then visit the spot.

Welcoming the move, Suresh S, a resident of RR Nagar, said that the app empowered. Many times, officials fail to recognise a bad road or pothole, but commuters notice these as they are affected, he explained.

Gavi Gowda, a resident of T Dasarahalli, said, "The BBMP had asphalted the road in front of my house in June last year, but it wore out in a week. I had raised a complaint with the officials. The contractor had turned up at the house on the next day saying that my complaint would be addressed. However, there was heavy rain after that and the contractor did not show up. I was assuming that my complaint went unheard, but the contractor came in the evening in the first week of January and re-laid the portion of the road at midnight."

The agency recently admitted that it had spent a whopping Rs 7,000 crore over the last seven years to lay down roads, and yet, most are not pothole-free. Rs 18 crore was spent in the 2022-23 financial year just to fix potholes in the city. Officials believe that potholes are 'perennial' in Bengaluru. The BBMP had promised 'pothole-free zones', but people reported that the declaration did not match ground reality.

There have been complaints from city dwellers about the fix my street app not functioning properly. Reacting to this, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "When the app was rolled out, we faced a lot of technical hurdles. However, now we have resolved and redressed the issues. Once the complaint is raised it takes three to 15 days to resolve an issue. There could be a delay if there is a difference of opinion. For example, a resident may have complained about a pothole, but the engineers may be of the opinion that the entire road has to be resurfaced. In such cases, the issue drags on."

Jaya assets case: Saris, shawls & more

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The status of assets seized from the late Jayalalithaa and others in the disproportionate assets (DA) case remains a mystery. Jayalalithaa died on December 5, 2016. She was convicted for corruption in September 2014.

T Narasimhamurthy, a resident and social activist from Halasuru, has been trying to get information on the case. His application was rejected on September 7, 2022 by the Public Information Officer, City Civil Court, Bengaluru. It compelled Narasimhamurthy to file a petition before the Principal City Civil Sessions Judge and the First Appellate Authority, seeking a direction to the Public Information Officer, City Civil Court, to provide information on the measures taken to dispose of assets and perishable items. The authorities seized 11,344 saris, 250 shawls, and 750 pairs of footwear from Jayalalithaa. "I had to file a petition with the First Appellate Authority as the Public Information Officer of City Civil Court rejected my application without giving me any information," said Narasimhamurthy.

The Principal City Civil and sessions judge, in an order dated January 17, 2023, set aside the order of the Public Information Officer dated September 7, 2022 rejecting to furnish the information sought by the appellant. The judge directed the Public Information Officer to furnish the information along with the final order portion in the judgment Spl CC No 208/2004 and copies of the correspondence by the said court in seeking appointment of a Special Public Prosecutor for considering the aspect of the disposal of the properties by it.

"I consider it a big relief for me. I am waiting for the Public Information Officer's response," said Narasimhamurthy.

Meanwhile, S Umapathy, a High Court advocate, said that the Principal City Civil sessions judge and the First Appellate Authority has allowed the application filed by Narasimhamurthy and given a direction to the Public Information Officer. "I am of the opinion that the need of the hour is to appoint a Special Public Prosecutor to dispose of the items and assets seized from Jayalalithaa and others in the DA case. What is the use of keeping perishable items in custody?" asked Umapathy.

THE SUNDAY READ

Care to join us for some NFT?

Make it art please... First of its kind NFT physical gallery in city brings work of digital artists to the fore

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Art inspired by 12th-Century sculptures from a Hindu temple in Chikkamagaluru, recombination of digital and hand-drawn art, pixel art, GIFs, poetry and visual representation of beatboxing -- all this at your fingertips. If you thought digital artists will have to make do with just the virtual world, Bengaluru has a surprise for you.

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) have transformed the art landscape globally and our tech city has got on to the bandwagon with the launch of the first-in-India NFT physical gallery. The gallery showcases work from 14 city-based artists and allows the purchase of NFTs from a physical setup.

In recent years, NFTs have become very popular and people have started investing in NFTs just like cryptocurrency. It has increased the commoditisation of digital art and multiplied its value multifold. While traditional art tends to enjoy a viewing space like art galleries, these digital artists are often stuck with non-physical spaces. In a one-of-a-kind move, for the first time in India, NFT buyers will be able to view the art in a digital arena and purchase them using QR codes.

The NFT gallery set up Colors of India NFT project is currently open for viewing at SOCIAL on New Bel Road. The gallery displays 14 unique NFTs by Bengaluru-based artists with form-breaking attempts at art itself. Here you will find the art work inspired by a myriad of concepts starting from ancient sculptures to beatboxing.

Prasad Bhat, an NFT artist, featured in the exhibition said that his NFT was inspired by 1930s-1950s cartoons. "One of my creations featured is a video loop of the founder of Bitcoin turning into Pepe. I was greatly inspired by the cartoons of the 1930s and 1940s and use that as an inspiration for the artwork. I created these simplistic image transitions using a Windows movie maker. A platform like this provides the platform for Web 3 to be made offline," Bhat told BM. Prasad also runs a personalised portrait designing business under the name of Graphic Curry.

As this is a fairly new concept, SOCIAL guides customers by aiding them in scanning QR codes and completing the process of purchasing. The management and staff have been trained by the Colors of India NFT project and are well-equipped to address all queries about NFTs and create awareness about the subject.

To cool off, SOCIAL also has an NFT-themed drink. The NFTini drink is a mix of whiskey, martini, vodka and coffee, and is a new addition to the list of its uniquely curated menu. The drink also comes with an edible QR code on top which can be used to mint SOCIAL's own NFT.

Ranveer Sabhani, Business Head-South India, Impresario Handmade Restaurants, told BM, "SOCIAL has always been about microcultures and microunits. The NFT is another space where we want to provide a community for Web 3 users to collaborate. We have always supported the artists and artist communities. We want SOCIAL to grow as a community for NFTs but we are not looking forward towards being a direct buyer/seller of artwork."

Explaining more about the project, a member of the Colors of India NFT project, Angad B Sodhi said that a few years ago, you could only exchange fungible tokens on a blockchain but with the advent of NFTs, you could now have unique assets listed on blockchain. "One of the best use cases for this was art. Before this, the art's value depended on the artist's popularity and medium among other parameters. The NFT by Beeple worth $69 million broke open the hype cycle for NFTs globally. Content generation for Web 2 content was owned by publishing platforms while Web 3 allowed artists to own the art and sell it. It also made it possible for artists to issue royalty clauses for digital art. Digital art finally could be sold on the same grounds as traditional art," Sodhi said.

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–Angad B Sodhi, Colors of India NFT project

HEALTH TIP: When consumed late in the day, caffeine stimulates the nervous system and may stop your body from naturally relaxing at night

Thai food is filled with intense flavours and tends to be rich in vegetables, making it one of the healthiest cuisines on the planet

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The goodness of plants

These seasonal recipes add health to your diet and are super tasty as well

SUNSHINE SMOOTHIE

Prep Time: 10 mins
Cooking Time: 5
Serves 1

INGREDIENTS
- mixed greens (eg. butterhead lettuce, spinach, and mint): 2 cups of mixed fruits (Muskmelon, Pineapple, Chikoo, Avocado, or Banana): 2 cups
- Dates: 1
- sugarcane juice/ coconut water: 1 cup
- flax seed: 1 tbsp
- ashwagandha powder: 1 tsp
- moringa powder: ½ tsp
- Water: as required
- Ice cubes

Toppings:
- Goji berries
- Hemp seeds
- Sunflower seeds

METHOD
- Blend all the fruits with greens, sugar cane, flax seeds, ashwagandha powder, moringa powder, and water on high speed until it reaches a smooth consistency.
- Top it off with starfruit, goji berries, hemp seeds & sunflower seeds, and serve chilled in a tall glass or a bowl.
- Stays in the fridge for one day.

RAW CACAO COCONUT FUDGE

INGREDIENTS
- Bottom layer
- shredded fresh coconut: 2 cups
- sweetener (liquid jaggery/date syrup): 4 tsp
- melted coconut oil or coconut butter: 2 tbsp
- pure vanilla extract: 1/2 tsp
- salt: 1/4 tsp
- almond butter: 4 tbsp

Middle layer
- nut butter: 4 tbsp
- Raw cocoa or cocoa powder: ½ cup
- Pure Vanilla: ½ tsp
- Coconut Sugar/ Jaggery: 4 tbsp
- Pinch of salt
- Coconut oil: 4 tbsp
- coconut milk (optional): 40 ml
- A bit of hot water

Top layer
- shredded fresh coconut: 1 cup

Prep Time: 40 mins
Cooking Time: 40
Serves 3

METHOD

For the bottom layer
- Either grease a dish with little coconut oil or line it with parchment going up the sides.
- Combine the 2 cups of coconut with the sweetener, coconut oil, almond butter vanilla extract, and salt.
- Spread all the mixture into the pan. Press down really well.

For the middle layer:
- All the ingredients go into the blender.
- If the mixture is too dry pour some hot water and blitz again.
- Blitz till it reaches a thick viscous spread.
- Spread all the mixture on top of the bottom layer.

For the top layer:
- Add shredded fresh coconut on top and freeze it for 5-8 hours or overnight.
- Once frozen, take out, cut into cubes with a very sharp knife.
- Cubes can be frozen again or refrigerated depending on your preference.
- The fudge stays fresh for up to a month if frozen.

ITALIAN MUSHROOM SWEET POTATO SOUP

Prep Time: 10 mins
Cooking Time: 25
Serves 2

INGREDIENTS
- mushroom: 250 gm
- sweet potato: 50 gm
- garlic: 5-6 cloves
- peppercorns (optional): 2-3
- onion chopped: 1 medium size
- dried mixed Italian herbs: 1tsp
- olive oil (½ tsp for tomatoes + ½ tsp): 1 tsp
- tomatoes: 2
- Salt and pepper as per taste
- nutritional yeast (optional): 1 tsp
- soaked almonds: 3-5
- veg stock or warm water: 2 cups

METHOD
- In a hot pan, sauté 1 tbsp heat, pour ½ tsp of oil, add 1 bird eye chili or 2-3 pcs of peppercorn, let it crackle, add garlic, and once it changes into golden brown add onion and sauté it till translucent, add Italian herbs and stir/mix well.
- Next, add mushroom and sauté on high heat till it releases all the water, and then add sweet potato and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
- Once it's cooked add vegetable stock and let it cook for another 10 minutes
- Switch off the flame and let it cool for 5-10 minutes, shift the mixture into a blender, add Almond milk paste and nutritional yeast, and carefully blend till the desired smooth/soup-like consistency is reached.
- If it's too thick add a little (2 tbsp) warm water and blend it again and pour the mixture back into the same pan on low heat, add the chunks of the mushroom and cook for 2-3 minutes.
- Serve hot with bread or crackers.
- To maximise shelf life, to preserve its safety and quality, refrigerate it in an airtight container for up to 3 to 4 days.

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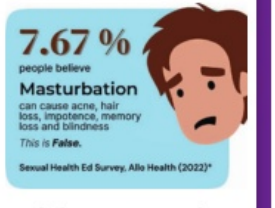
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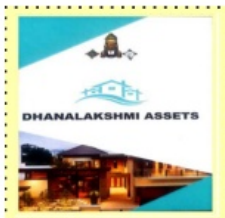

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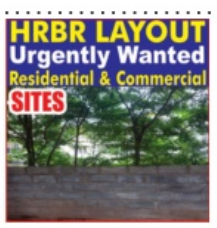

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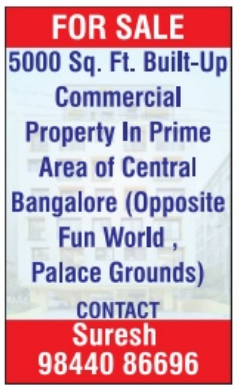
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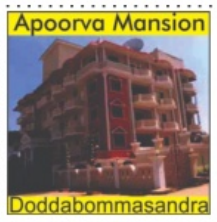

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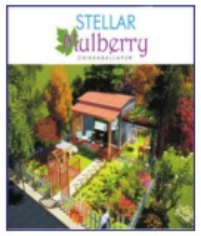

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Too little time to prepare, postpone exams: Medicos

Revaluation results announced just a week ago, say students as MBBS exams are slated to start in first week of February

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The students of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Science (RGUHS) are demanding that the MBBS exam be postponed citing insufficient time for preparation as the reason.

The students say that for most of them, the classes have started much later than the usual schedule due to the covid-19 pandemic. Generally, MBBS exams should be conducted at intervals of 12 to 15 months. However, this time it is happening only nine months apart, the students informed.

"The examinations are starting in the first week of February and we hardly have any time to prepare for the same. This is very bad for the mental health of the medical students because there is not enough time for preparation," a medical student from RGUHS told Bangalore Mirror. The students say that since the revaluation results were announced only a week ago, it is unfair for the exams to be conducted so soon.

"The examination should be postponed by at least 15-20 days. With the revaluation results published only a week ago and so many distractions, the students could hardly get any time to prepare for the exams.

Our entire performance depends on this and this should not be taken so lightly by the authorities. Thousands of students will suffer otherwise," said Pradeep, another medical student.

"The re-evaluation case is still pending in the court. The university will agree with the court order and whatever the court decides. It depends on the verdict and the hearing is on Monday. If the court demands for the revaluation results to be re-announced, ultimately the university will have to postpone the exams further. The students are already demanding postponement while the authorities are waiting for the verdict and will decide accordingly," said Sanjay Raj, Incharge, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) PR Team.

> **"Our performance depends on this and this should not be taken so lightly by the authorities** – Pradeep, student

The results had been delayed due two High Court orders that asked a new evaluation scheme to be considered, and a revised revaluation result to be announced. In the previous revaluation method, four evaluators would score the paper and the average of the four was considered the final mark.

The new revaluation method considers the average of the best of two instead. The university had already postponed the examinations previously from January 23 to February 3.

However, since the revaluation exams were recently released and with the matter still being in court, there has been chaos within the medical students' community.

7 arrested at B'luru airport for smuggling endangered animals

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has arrested seven passengers, including a woman, for allegedly smuggling 18 endangered animals in their baggage at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru a few days ago. Initially, three people were arrested. Their interrogation resulted in the arrest of four more people, the DRI said in a statement on Friday.

The recovered animals include extremely rare and threatened species like the Yellow and Green Anaconda, Yellow Headed Amazon Parrot, Nile Monitor, Red Foot Tortoise, Iguanas, Ball Pythons, Alligator Gar, Yaki Monkey, Veiled Chameleon, Racoon Dog, White Headed Piones, etc. which were handed over to Bannerghatta Biological Park, according to the DRI.

The passengers had arrived from Bangkok (Thailand) at the airport on January 22 when their baggage was checked following a tip-off and the animals were found in it, the DRI said.

"Check of their baggage led to the recovery of 18 non-indigenous animals (four primates and 14 reptiles) with the assistance of Karnataka Forest Department officials," the statement said.

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Easy commute: From Mysuru to Bengaluru

Mandya bypass on Mysuru-Bengaluru expressway is now open to traffic, NHAI to clear minor jams

A bird's eye view of Mandya bypass. 10 km long bypass will reduce travel time

It's happy news for those heading to Mysuru from Bengaluru as a hurdle has been cleared. The 10 km long Mandya bypass is now officially thrown open to traffic. It is expected to significantly reduce the travel time between the two cities. Before the widening of the highway, travelling via the major towns and cities were holding up the traffic. Hence, there was priority on constructing bypasses.

First, the Bidadi bypass (7 km) was opened to traffic. This was followed by Ramanagara-Channapatna (22 km), Maddur (7 km, including 3.5 km of elevated highway) and Srirangapatna (7 km).

Subba Rao, a frequent traveller to Mysuru said, "Travelling to Mysuru was definitely a challenge earlier as one would get stuck for a longer time during peak hours. Now, travelling is a breeze. Earlier, Mandya was a bottleneck as the work at the bow string girder was delayed. Now, thankfully, the bypass is open to traffic."

However, minor bottlenecks still persist and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) hopes to clear all the hurdles by March this year. This also means that from March (though no exact date has been fixed), the highway may become a tolled one and the NHAI is yet to spell out the exact toll fare.

The toll booths will come up at Kumbalgodu and Srirangapatna. The Bengaluru-Mysuru works were divided into two phases. Interestingly, the Bengaluru-Mysuru section has 53 km of Greenfield roads in the form of bypasses.

There are around 50 underpasses and 19 flyovers so that there are no crossings at grade junctions. However, there are a few more minor works that need to be completed on the expressway before it is made an access controlled highway.

The motorists also point out that it is high time the NHAI focuses on fixing the Kumbalgodu flyover exit where there is a huge traffic pile up during peak hours.

Plans to introduce RRTS

Meanwhile, there are now efforts to boost public transport between the two cities. Plans to introduce Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) between Bengaluru and Mysuru are in its initial stages. During Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari's inspection of the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, he stressed the need to encourage public transport. Gadkari had said that he had discussed with bus manufacturers to come up with smart buses for safer and efficient travel.

–Prakash VL

HC permits woman to settle with kid in Aus

The Karnataka High Court has permitted a woman to settle down in Australia with her kid as the father did not turn up to see his child for eight years after getting divorce.

The bench headed by Justice M Nagaprasanna has accepted the petition in this regard by the mother seeking to settle down permanently in Australia with the kid. The father also did not turn up to attend the court proceedings in this regard.

The petitioner had claimed that after divorce, she had settled down in Australia with her second husband. She had questioned the order by the local civil court in Maddur, quashing her request to get a visa for her child to settle with her in Australia.

The bench observed that the father had not come to see the child for eight years after obtaining divorce. He did not attend the inquiry regarding visa. All this shows that he does not have any interest in taking care of the child in future.

According to Australian law, a visa is required for the minor children to stay. The mother had applied in the local court through her father to obtain a visa for her kid. As the local court refused to permit, she had appealed in the HC.

–IANS

IVF- A ray of hope for those having endometriosis

1 I am a 35 year old diagnosed with endometriosis. I am married for three years. With endometriosis can I conceive and have health baby?

Just because you have endometriosis doesn't mean you're infertile. Endometriosis happens when the cells lining the uterus start to grow in places they shouldn't, such as the ovaries or fallopian tubes. But the problem varies for each woman. Some people might have extensive endometriosis; others might have just a few "spots" where the growths occur. Endometriosis can prevent a woman from getting pregnant. IVF can and will help people with endometriosis conceive and have healthy babies.

2 My daughter got married recently. Now she has been told that she is suffering endometriosis. Can she be able to conceive?

A. If you have endometriosis and you wish to start a family, IVF is a good solution. When you begin IVF, you will need special monitoring, and your fertility medications must be managed carefully as they can trigger symptoms of endometriosis. Becoming pregnant often relieves the discomfort of endometriosis, though once your child is born you will need to resume your treatment.

3 I have been diagnosed with having ovarian endometriosis. I was planning to raise a family. Does this cause infertility?

A. Many with mild to moderate endometriosis can still conceive. Those with endometriosis should not delay having children because the condition may worsen with time. IVF is effective for women with endometriosis. It's an assisted reproductive treatment that bypasses many of the common complications of endometriosis.

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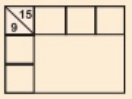
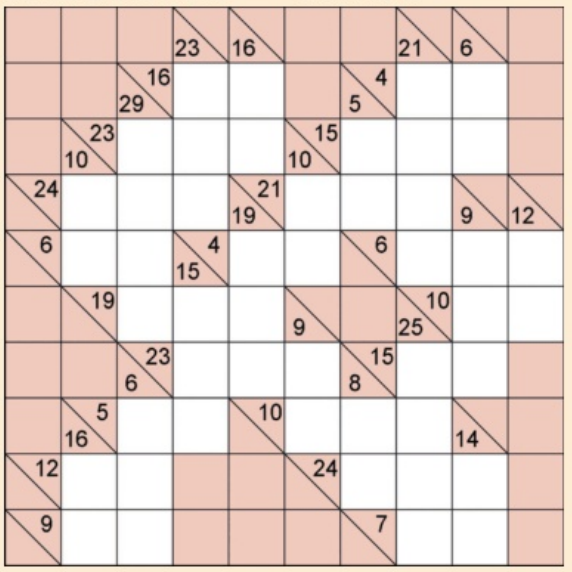
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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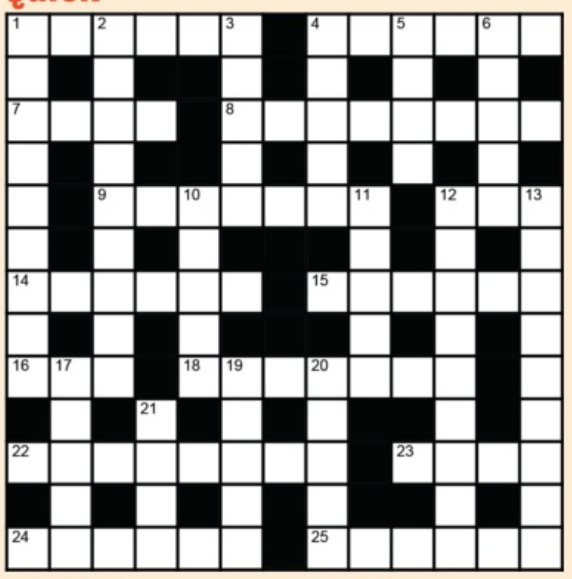


ACROSS

1 Serviette (6)
4 Protect financially (6)
7 Kiln or furnace (4)
8 To the letter (8)
9 Pursuing or following (7)
12 A connecting word (3)
14 Maker of garments (6)
15 A speech in praise (6)
16 Application (3)
18 Sea-slug (7)
22 Swift's land of the little people (8)
23 Prima donna (4)
24 Tell with confidence (6)
25 Safe harbours (6)

DOWN

1 Rice noodle delicacy of Karnataka (4,5)
2 Recommend; suggest (9)
3 Mountain Ben ___ (5)
4 ___ Khan; Pakistani cricketer and politician (5)
5 Aquatic bird (4)
6 Time in power (5)
10 Approximately (5)
11 Dutch cheese (5)
12 Next to (9)
13 Reveries (9)
17 Fits in; befits (5)
19 Indian monetary unit (5)
20 Mend or repair (5)
21 The French for 'blue' (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS T

KGZX MGGZG LZ MGGZG, ZCM OUYDZBMGY LSM MCLUGM LGPLS.

Linemaro

When I am with you, every weather is cuddling weather

Mindchow

The mouth is made for communication, and nothing is more articulate than a kiss

Joke of the day

Murphy's law of teaching: A subject interesting to the teacher will bore students

Loop

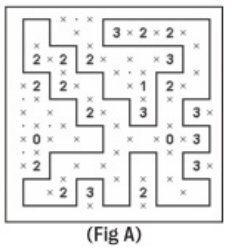
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

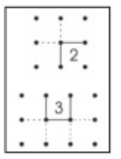
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

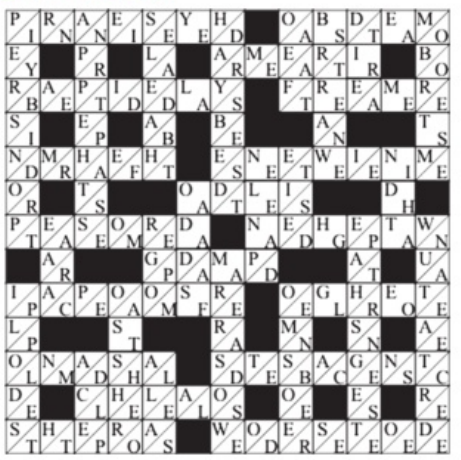


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

ACROSS

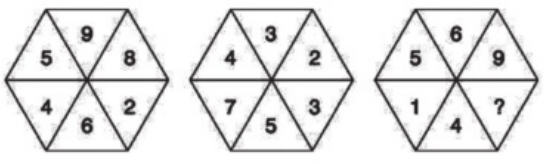
1 Cords; 6 Leach;
7 Sewer; 8 Mania;
9 Now SG

DOWN

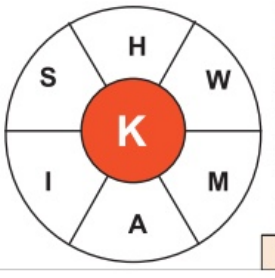
1 Crags; 2 C Home;
3 Wears; 4 Leo in;
5 Wands

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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8			6	3	5			4
				1				
	4	8				5	2	
		7	3		8	6		
	6	9				7	4	
				9				
7			5	8	4			2
	5		7		3		8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10

2 2 6 8

Medium = 30

1 3 3 7

Hard = 8

3 8 8 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

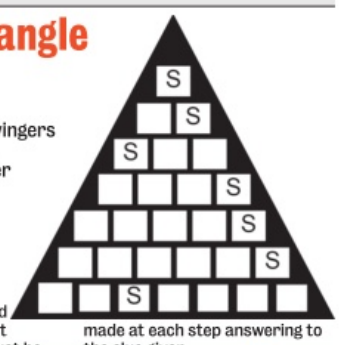
Differences: 1. Shirt pocket is higher. 2. Tree trunk is thinner. 3. Fence post is moved. 4. Word is different. 5. Mountain is different. 6. Arm is moved.

Riddler

The number of cups of tea drunk in the interval of a show on consecutive days was 84, 91 and 111. If, after the fourth day, the average number drunk per interval was 103, how many cups of tea were quaffed on the fourth day?

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 Good it gets
3 Perched
4 On deck circle swingers
5 Lures
6 Tree trunk barrier
7 Refrain



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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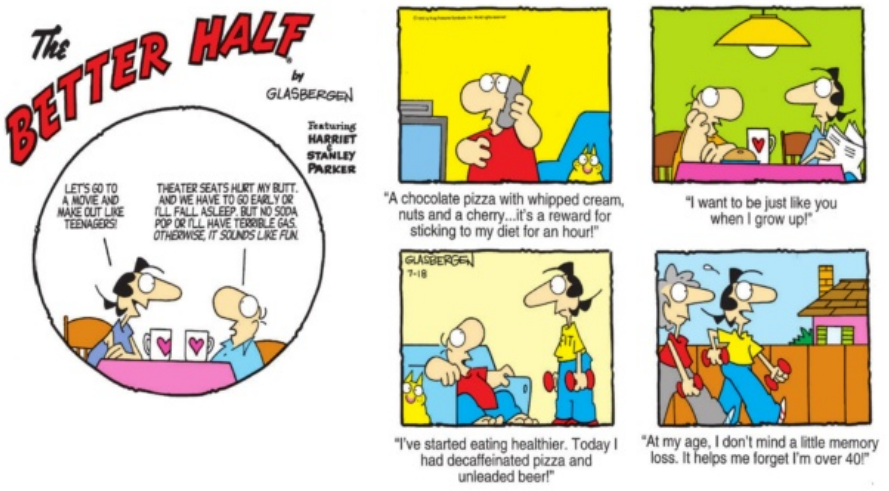
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LET'S GO TO A MOVIE AND MAKE OUT LIKE TEENAGERS!
THEATER SEATS HURT MY BUTT. AND WE HAVE TO GO EARLY OR I'LL FALL ASLEEP. BUT NO SODA POP OR I'LL HAVE TERRIBLE GAS. OTHERWISE, IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN.
"A chocolate pizza with whipped cream, nuts and a cherry...it's a reward for sticking to my diet for an hour!"
"I want to be just like you when I grow up!"
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"I've started eating healthier. Today I had decaffeinated pizza and unleaded beer!"
"At my age, I don't mind a little memory loss. It helps me forget I'm over 40!"

AN ACCIDENTAL BITE BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER HAS GIVEN TEENAGER PETER PARKER SUPER POWERS, AND TRANSFORMED HIM INTO--
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
A MURDEROUS MASKED MENACE OR A MODERN-DAY CRUSADER?
OKAY, I'LL KEEP MY WORD ABOUT NOT REVEALING DR. CONNORS' SECRET!
OR HULK WILL STOMP!
BUT I WON'T GET ANY PUBLICITY OUT OF ARRIVING IN CIVILIZATION WITH A GENETIC BUCCOON?
IN TOW?
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
STILL--SURELY THE WORLD WILL NOTICE--WHEN I SHOW UP ALONGSIDE SPIDER-MAN AND THE HULK?
HULK? WHAT HULK? I DON'T SEE ANY HULK!
BANNER! YOU'RE BACK!
WHERE'S THE WALL-CRAWLER?
I THINK HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING A HOT DATE WITH THE BLACK WIDOW!
GIVE ME STRENGTH!
HOMECOMING!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a good day in terms of finances. You are likely to reap benefits from your investments you made a while ago. You may even find it easy enough to control your urges to spend. This will boost your savings. Those in relationships are advised to try and keep off sensitive topics and also to be kind when you are conversing with your loved ones, as it is a day of conflicts which you must avoid.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day for you as the moon is good for you. You will feel energetic and enthusiastic, and will have a good day at work. You will also have a good time in your romantic relationships as you get to spend quality time with each other. If you are in a business, it is likely that your partner will support a new project. Because of your attention to detail, you will be able to chart a good course for the project.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is not a good day for you as you will tend to feel a sense of disquiet, making you feel arrogant and on the edge. This may get you into some tussles and this may even lead to financial losses. People are advised to be very careful while speaking to their partners as otherwise you may have to face a deep rift in your relations. It is important to let go of things and not take them to heart.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today the moon is on your side and you may experience luck. There is a possibility that new sources of income will open for you. If you had made some investments in the past, now is the time that the profits will start flowing in. You will be in robust financial health. And even physically, you are on the top of your game. Your parents' health is also likely to be okay today.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a good day for you and will bring you joy. You will be busy at work and your bosses are going to be happy with your work. Your efforts will be acknowledged and you are likely to get some promotion at work. You will also get some important positions and even your rivals are not able to gain the better of you. Today is a good day to seal the deal in your relationships too and if you wish to take the next step, today is a good day.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
It has been a messy few days in the past, but today things start looking up. This is because today you are blessed by the moon. You may initiate your work that you had left off to start later. Because of your efforts you will also start seeing the desired results. If you are in a business, it is a day of gains, which may boost your finances. However, you may also end up spending some money on things that interest you. You may also plan a trip abroad.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today family issues are likely to keep you busy the whole day. You will also try to think of ways to aid your income. You will be more creative today and will indulge in your creative side by taking interest in the movies, artefacts and other interesting hobbies. Lovebirds will see doubts about their relationships clearing up. For students, it is a good day to make plans to have a better career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is not a good day for you, even in terms of your health. Because of poor health, your work and relationships too may be affected. Even your partner's health is likely to be bad which will further cause you some stress. Though today may test your patience, you will be able to come out of it by evening. You are anyway advised to not make investments in any new business projects, otherwise be ready to face losses. Students are advised to work hard and not think of frivolous things.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day for you as the moon is positive for you. Your health issues may be sorted out and you will feel quite energetic to take on life. You will also get some wealth in terms of money that was before stuck somewhere, today you will get that money back. You may also think of applying for a loan to buy things that will add to your status in society.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel disinterested and are likely to make errors as you are careless. At work, you will find yourself unable to concentrate. This will make you feel impatient and even affect your mood in an adverse manner. Somebody in the family will also experience ill health. Today it is better to stay off any new investments and also better to avoid getting into arguments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a bad day for you as there may be some negativity around you, which can make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid investments in items that are not absolutely essential. Today you will also be disappointed with your friends as you feel that they are not supporting you. It is advised to keep your expectations low, else you can go into an even lower mood. You are advised to follow your intuition before taking any important decisions.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day and you are able to implement your plans successfully with support from your subordinates and seniors. You are also likely to be involved in some social event, where you are recognised and acknowledged. You are likely to go for a short business-related trip, which may give you benefits in the near future.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
((55-25+25-1*5)/(125-25-100))^
((55 - 5)/(100 - 100))^=
[50/0 = Undefined]

RIDDLER
126 cups of tea

QUOTE UNCODE
From error to error, one discovers the entire truth.

FAST FIVE

S	C	R	O	D
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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BULL'S EYE
hawk, mask, MAWKISH, skim, whisk

MENSA PUZZLE
5: the difference between 6 and 1 is 5, and the difference between 9 and 4 is 5. Similarly the difference between 7 and 3 is 4 and the difference between 5 and 2 is 3.

SUDOKU

9	5	6	7	2	3	4	8	1
7	3	1	5	8	4	9	6	2
2	8	4	1	9	6	3	5	7
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1	4	8	9	6	7	5	2	3
4	7	5	8	1	9	2	3	6
8	9	2	6	3	5	1	7	4
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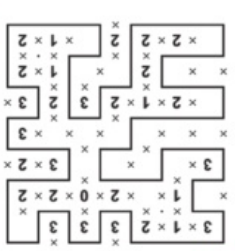
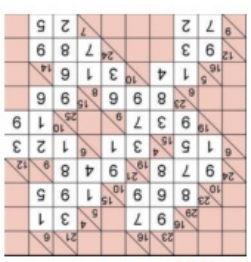
ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sat, Bats, Batts, Abatts, Abstain .

LOOP



GO FIGURE
Easy
8 - 2 + 6 - 2 = 10
Medium
3 + 7 x 3 x 1 = 30
Hard
5 + 3 / 8 x 8 = 8

KAKURO



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Selena says
Pop star Selena Gomez told fans about why her hand was shaking in a make-up video that she had shared earlier. She said the shake was because of her medication for lupus

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SAME PINCH

Priyanka shares story about tattoo identical to that of her husband Nick

In interview, PC reveals more about the place her relationship has in her life and what it has given her

Priyanka Chopra has just shared a cute story behind the matching tattoos she and her husband Nick Jonas have. Speaking to an international magazine, the actor also explained the meaning of their identical tattoo.

During the interview, when asked about her tattoos, the 'Bajirao Mastani' actor revealed that she has a check and a box tattoo behind her ears and her husband Nick has the same tattoo on his arms because when Nick had proposed her, he asked Priyanka that since she checked all his boxes will she check another one.

Speaking about Nick's adorable and loving personality, Priyanka further added that he is super thoughtful and when he's around, everything feels like it'll be okay. Nick has also taught Priyanka to approach things from a much calmer place.

She also recalled the early days of their relationship and claimed that they didn't even know much about each other's careers before they met. They only used to share random things that they did during the live shows and a few other things about their likes and dislikes.

The lovey-dovey couple who got married in 2018, is now a super happy family of three. Priyanka and Nick welcomed their little angel Malti Marie Chopra Jonas in January 2022.

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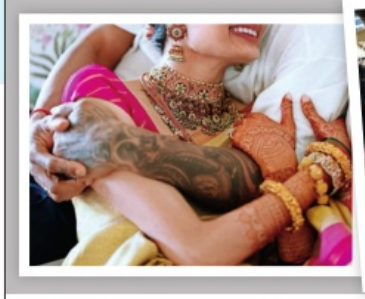
A wedding album



Athiya Shetty's wedding to KL Rahul may have been a closed-door affair, but now the actress is letting fans in on all the details of her intimate celebrations.

The actress performed all the rituals of a south Indian bride. For this ceremony, the beauty dressed up in a pink and gold saree and topped the look off with heavy jewellery. Among the many photos shared online, was one of mom Mana Shetty performing the rituals and giving the bride her blessings.

There by her side was a bunch of her gal-pals, including Krishna Shroff who was seen showering the new bride with flowers.

Athiya also snuck in a gorgeous photo of herself lying on her husband KL Rahul's lap as he wrapped his arm around her.

On Friday, the newlyweds gave fans a glimpse of their fun-filled haldi ceremony. For her haldi ceremony, Athiya chose a gorgeous Ritu Kumar's ivory-hued cotton anarkali suit with gotta patti work. She kept her look minimal with an oversized maang teeka. On the other hand, KL Rahul wore an elegant kurta.

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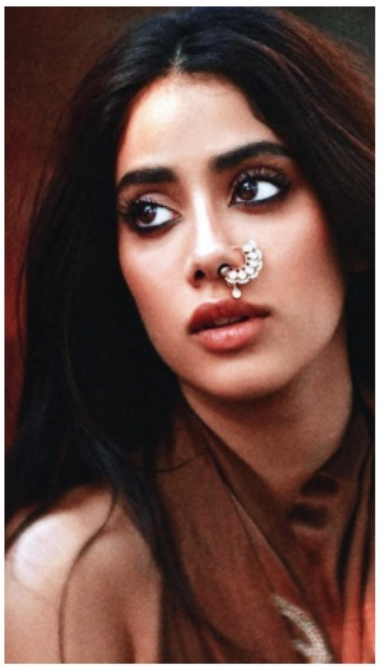
Bold & beautiful



Janhvi Kapoor's social media game is always on top. The Gen Z star knows how to amp up her Instagram timeline with glitz and glamour and Janhvi has done it again.

Her latest bold photoshoot in a sultry saree will surely make any man go weak in his knees. The most fascinating thing about her new ethnic look is the huge nose ring that beautifully compliments her brown saree. Within moments of sharing the photoshoot pictures, the comments section was flooded with heart and fire emojis.

Several celebs including her rumoured boyfriend, Shikhar Pahariya, also reacted to the latest pictures. Shikhar was quick to drop a heart emoticon. Meanwhile, her half-sister Anshula Kapoor wrote, "BRO (fire emoticons)."

—ETimes

Tickle your funny bones

RC BROTHERS
3 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** L Prakash Kumara
- **ACTORS** Tabala Nani, Sambrama Sree, Kuri Pratap, Nayana Sharath, and Neethu Roy
- **Duration** 123 minutes
- **Certification** U/A

This is a story of two brothers – Ramachari (Tabala Nani) and Ramanachari (Kuri Pratap) - who go to any lengths to help each other out. While Ramachari is into scrap business, Ramanachari is a police constable at Yeshwanthpur. The two brothers go to Rukmini's (Sambrama Sree) house to get her as Ramachari's life partner but she likes the other brother. Ramachari advises Ramanachari to marry Rukmini. But after marriage, Ramanachari keeps postponing the consummation of marriage as he also tries hard to find a girl for his brother.

Ramachari happens to meet Jalaja (Sambrama Sree), a police constable working at the same station as he is. He also saves Jalaja from a goon and also assures to help her financially. At this juncture, the director introduces Harini (Neethu Roy), a woman estranged from her husband, who agrees to have a live-in relationship with Ramachari. What happens to Jalaja and Ramachari is the climax.

The movie begins with a court scene where a woman advocate is seen pleading with a woman judge to sentence her husband and brother-in-law to death. While hearing the husband and his brother's version, one of the accused showers praises on the judge but it irritates the judge's husband, a advocate at the same court. The judge sentences the accused to death and rushes outside to pacify her husband who is not happy with her and waiting for a breakup. The woman advocate accompanies the convict to the prison to see how they will be hanged. These scenes are incongruous and do not add any value to the film.

As far as the performances go, Tabala Nani is at his best in the post-intermission part. Kuri Pratap seems to be counting just on his dialogue delivery skills. Nayana Sharath, as a young wife craving to lead a happy life with her husband, is convincing. Sambrama Sree looks beautiful and has acted well. Neethu Roy, though in a brief role, has acted well.

Kudos to director L Prakash Kumara for a story that is not only funny, but also conveys a message to society, especially to youngsters who are struggling to find life partners.

—Y Maheswara Reddy